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MONTREAL FOR USREP ICAO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, ICAO, FI
SUBJECT: POLITICIZATION OF ICAO

REF: STATE 167737,

1. EMBASSY OFFICER MADE DEMARCHE TO VELI-MARTTI METSALAMPI,
ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF OF FINNISH NATIONAL BOARD OF AVIATION,
ON JULY 11 REGARDING THE POLITICIZATION OF ICAO.
METSALAMPI CHARACTERIZED THE JUNE 22 DECISION AS QUOTE
UNWISE, IMPROPER AND AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION END QUOTE.
HE ALSO ALLOWED THE OFFICER TO READ A COPY OF A
CONFIDENTIAL LETTER SENT TO THE PRESIDENT OF ICAO ON JUNE
21ST, IN WHICH METSALAMPI POINTED OUT THE DANGERS
OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE SYSTEM.

2. METSALAMPI CLAIMED THAT FINLAND ABSTAINED ON THE
JUNE 22 VOTE BECAUSE OF AN OBVIOUS CLEAR MAJORITY IN
FAVOR OF IT. HE STATED THAT ATTEMPTS TO REVERSE THE
CHANGE WOULD BE MET FAVORABLY BY THE FINNISH
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REPRESENTATIVES. HE WAS, HOWEVER, A BIT PUZZLED
BY THE LANGUAGE IN THE TALKING POINTS GIVEN REFTTEL,
AS HE FEELS THAT THE POLITICIZATION OF ICAO STARTED
SOME TIME AGO AND IS A RECOGNIZED OBJECTIVE OF
THIRD WORLD MEMBERS IN THE COUNCIL. SHOULD A VOTE BE
TAKEN ON THE CHANGE IN THE REGULAR ASSEMBLY,
METSALAMPI ESTIMATES THAT 100 OF 140 MEMBERS WOULD

FAVOR THE CHANGE.

3. METSALAMPI ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE SOVIET CANDIDATE TO HEAD THE LEGAL BUREAU WAS A FAR BETTER CHOICE THAN THE COLOMBIAN CANDIDATE, BASED ON HIS EXPERIENCE WITH BOTH. IN ADDITION, HE EXPRESSED HIS SURPRISE AT SEEMINGLY HOW LITTLE INFLUENCE THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES EXERT IN ICAO, AND AT HOW MUCH EAST AND WEST COOPERATE ON AVIATION MATTERS.

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